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1. AMEMBASSADOR ASSANE GUINDO, CHIEF OF INFORMATION-CONFERENCES
DIVISION, MALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD POL OFF MAY 8
THAT NEW MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ALIOUNE BLONDIN BEYE, WOULD BE
TRAVELLING TO PARIS ON THURSDAY, MAY 11. HE EXPECTED PRESIDENT
TRAORE TO ATTEND SUMMIT AS WELL.

2. GUINDO NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER, APPOINTED MAY 4, HAD NOT YET
SHOWN UP AT MINISTRY TO MEET HIS NEW SUBORDINATES. WE WOULD EXPECT
BEYE TO BE TOO NEW AT HIS JOB TO BE A MAJOR VOICE AT FRANCOPHONE
FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING. HE WOULD, NONETHELESS, CONTRIBUTE TO
DISCUSSION OF WESTERN SAHARA. OFFICIAL MALIAN PRESS HAS ALSO
REPORTED REGULARLY ON FRENCH PRESENCE IN CHAD, SO WE WOULD EXPECT
BEYE TO MAKE SOME REPRESENTATION ON THAT PROBLEM.
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